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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Review Committee
THROUGH: Deputy Director (Intelligence)
SUBJECT: AD/IC Reasons for Non-concurrence

1. I have non-concurred in the attached proposal because I believe that before it is ready for PRC consideration the following actions should be taken:

a. A comprehensive report should be made of the evaluation of those components of the Government outside of CIA that have a substantial responsibility for electronic interception and intelligence. Such report should include: (1) the use the relevant government units have made of reports and services rendered to date by [REDACTED] under the OSI contract; (2) a judgment by these units as to whether they would have spent their own money for this contract; and (3) recommendations, if any, for modifications of the present terms of reference of the proposed contract. 25X1A5a1

b. Because the proposed project is for a "theoretical investigation of the over-all electronic intercept problem which takes intelligence requirements as the basic frame of reference," it necessarily must include the intelligence requirements of other agencies. It is important to make certain that all agencies' intelligence requirements are indeed reflected in the prospectus. Furthermore, it is important that the agencies render their advice as to whether these requirements are likely to be reasonably met by this project.

Therefore, it is recommended that the IAC and, as appropriate, operating agencies having a responsibility in the field of electronic intercept be formally

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consulted on this project.

c. Finally, an assessment should be made of the degree to which the objectives of the [REDACTED] project 25X1A5a1 announced in the project proposals for FY'52 and '53, have actually been fulfilled by the contractor. Such an assessment has not been made by OIC (in cooperation with OSI) prior to submission of the project. (An example of what is meant is at Tab A hereto. It deals with only one of the six tasks in the present proposal).

2. Since funds are still available from last year, the present contract can be extended, if need be, to permit additional appraisals such as those herein recommended.

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